


Amendments to the Abstract:

Please replace the Abstract with the amended Abstract as follows:

Abstract of the Disclosure

 A conduction assist member has conductive members disposed in some or all through holes which are formed in a large number in a sheet made of an insulating elastic material. The conduction member is a cut piece which is fixed to the sheet at one end thereof and has two or more blades formed by one, two or more cuts. In the conduction assist member, one or some of the two or more blades formed on each cut piece, are bent toward one of two opening portions of the through hole so that ends of the blades formed on the cut pieces protrude from the opening portion on the same surface of the sheet. The conduction assist member can be applied as a connector to both a flat conduction surface and a curved conduction surface, and as an integrated circuit socket which can easily cope with differences in sizes of connectors and sockets, which is superior in high speed performance and usable as an integrated circuit socket for mounting, and which can easily be assembled.

A method for manufacturing a conduction assist member is provided. The method includes a first step of forming a plurality of through holes in insulating elastic films at corresponding locations, a second step of forming, from a conductive material, a structure including a plurality of cut pieces linked together in a linear manner and each having at least one cut defining at least two blades, a third step of disposing the structure between the films so that each of the cut pieces is disposed in a respective through hole and bringing the films into thermal press contact forming a sheet, and a fourth step of cutting the cut pieces from one another and bending at least one of the blades toward an opening portion of the through hole so that an end portion of the bent blade protrudes from the opening portion of the through hole.